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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, EG, US

SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST FOR ANTI-TERRORIST TRAINING

REF: CAIRO 9409 (NOTAL)

1. ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL WILL HAVE TO BE REFINED BEFORE FIRM
COMMITMENTS MADE, DEPARTMENT, DOD AND NSC PRESENTLY ARE
INCLINED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GOE REQUEST. DOD IS LOOKING

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INTO TRAINING POSSIBILITIES, BUT INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE
THAT WE MAY HAVE TO DEVELOP A SPECIAL COURSE FOR THIS PUR-
POSE. WILL ADVISE.

2. IN MEANTIME, WE NEED ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT EGYPTIAN PARTICIPANTS
WOULD BE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES (EGYPTIAN DAO

ABU GHAZALA HAS SO REPORTED)? FYI: WE HAVE IN MIND STATUTORY PROHIBITION AGAINST TRAINING IN POLICE FUNCTIONS. SEE RESTRICTIONS IN MASM PART III CHAPTER B, PARA 3A. END FYI.

B. WOULD GOE STILL BE INTERESTED IF THEY HAD TO FUND THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAM? (WE CANNOT PROVIDE COST ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME.)

C. IF SO, WHAT IS MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME GOE MIGHT ALLOCATE FOR SUCH TRAINING?

D. SHOULD EMPHASIS BE ON HIJACKING/HOSTAGE PREVENTION, OR DOES GOE HAVE OTHER OBJECTIVES IN MIND (E.G. URBAN TERRORISM)?

E. CAN WE ASSUME AN ADEQUATE COMPREHENSION OF ENGLISH TO PERMIT INSTRUCTION WITHOUT PRELIMINARY LANGUAGE TRAINING?

F. IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT TRAINEES WOULD FORM NUCLEUS OF EGYPTIAN ANTI-TERRORIST GROUP, OR WOULD THEY BE USED PRIMARILY TO TRAIN OTHERS?

G. CONCERNING DESIRE FOR "SELECTED ANTI-TERRORIST WEAPONS", WE NEED MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON TYPES AND QUANTITIES DESIRED (WITH NO PRIOR USG COMMITMENT TO AGREEMENT TO SALE OF SUCH ITEMS).

H. HOW WOULD GOE PLAN TO HANDLE PUBLICITY? WE MUST PRESUME THAT SUCH PROGRAM WOULD COME TO ATTENTION OF MEDIA. IN SAME VEIN, WE WOULD INFORM KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PRIOR TO INITIATION OF ANY SUCH PROGRAM.

I. HOW FLEXIBLE IS GOE, RE: TIMING OF TRAINING?
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G. WOULD GOE BE INTERESTED IN SUBJECT TRAINING IN EGYPT UTILIZING A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (TAFT) OR MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT)?

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT GOE EARLIER REQUESTED SIMILAR TRAINING FROM FRG, BUT GERMANS TURNED DOWN REQUEST. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INSIGHTS WHICH BONN OR CAIRO MIGHT OFFER (REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO BONN).

4. IF GOE LOOKING FOR HIGHLY SPECIALIZED CAPABILITY TO HANDLE HOSTAGE RESCUE OPERATIONS (E.G. LARNACA) PLEASE ADVISE. FYI WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO A REQUEST FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAINING. VANCE

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